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By Chris Treadway

Redevelopment may be the largest and most controversial undertaking the City of El Cerrito will ever attempt.

The process will last at least into the first year of the next century and will in some way affect the lives of all who live here.

City leaders see it as their best hope to revive a moribund commercial area and, in turn, put

a moribund commercial area and, in turn, put city finances on stable ground. Improvements enabled by redevelopment will make El Cerrito a better place for residents and for others who come to do business, they say.

But opponents maintain that redevelopment undermines the rights of private property owners and stifles the initiative of local developers in favor of subsidizing big developers who have no commitment to the community.

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The costs and efforts are not justified, they claim, and a city with El Cerrito's shaky finances has no business playing venture capitalist with taxpayers' dollars. Critics fear the effort to increase the density of commercial development will forever change the character of a traditionally quiet bedroom community. Whether redevelopment will prove to be the city's salvation or its downfall remains to be seen. Observers say redevelopment can be a cost-effective way to stimulate financial growth, but they add that there are risks involved.

### Does El Cerrito Need Redevelopment?

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The one point both sides of El Cerrito's redevelopment controversy agree on is the deteriorating condition of San Pablo Avenue, the city's commercial spine.

The business area, including the Plaza, has been in decline for years. In 1977 a city study revealed that the proportion of city revenue derived from sales and property tax was steadily decreasing.

New investment was not taking place, few improvements were being made to existing businesses and many parcels were left unused or underused. At a time when commercial real estate in the Bay Area was on a major upswing, San Pablo Avenue was deteriorating.

As a result, "an increased burden was placed on El Cerrito residents to pay for increased costs of govern-

EL CERRITO GOES ALL OUT TO PUMP NEW LIFE INTO ITS DECLINING COMMERCIAL ARTERY

mental services through higher residential property taxes," the study reported.

The city had considered redevelopment as a way of boosting its revenue since the early '70s. In 1974, the council officially declared the need for an agency by adopting an ordinance. Three years later, the Redevelopment Agency came into being.

Opposition formed almost immediately. Citizens circulated a petition saying that redevelopment abridged the rights of private property owners; they asked the City Council to reverse its action.

But the city's dwindling revenue sources were put in even greater jeopardy by November 1978 when Proposition 13 slashed property taxes.

When the measure became law it meant that the city, which had to cut staff and services, could no longer rely on higher residential taxes to pay the increased cost of city government.

Because El Cerrito has a property turnover rate about one-tenth that of the rest of the county, property assessments have remained low. City costs, meanwhile, have risen at about 5 percent annually. Even without hiring new staff members, the city has had to draw on its reserves to pay for materials, equipment, salaries and inflation.

City officials see retail projects in the redeveloped commercial area as the best way of meeting the shortfall.

"We're a Prop. 13-punished town and frankly, we're broke," Mayor Jean Siri said earlier this year. "We need as many new sources of revenue as we can get."

Opponents are not swayed by that assertion.

"They are the victims of Prop. 13," conceded attorney John Dunn. But the city would be better off using its time and effort agitating for legislative change to correct the inequities of the situation, he said.

He added that the city should shoulder some of the

blame for the condition of its retail area.

"I think the city has never put any money or muscle into code enforcement. If the avenue is schlock, it became schlock over time because the city is not enforcing its own rules."

"Cities have always redeveloped themselves," she said. "They haven't proven that we wouldn't have that revenue under private enterprise."

Officials say even if local development were to take place — and they do not believe that it would — the revenue it generates would not be sufficient for the city's needs.

"El Cerrito couldn't survive on sales tax revenue only generated by El Cerrito residents," said City Councilmember Bob Bacon, former chairman of the Redevelopment Agency. "We need to attract outside revenue".

### How Long, How Much

Redevelopment is a process that does not adhere to timetables.

"I'm sure the public doesn't understand redevelopment," said Bill Waterhouse, Redevelopment Agency director for San Ramon. "To them a long time is perhaps a year or two. Redevelopment takes a tremendous amount of time because of the myriad of laws you have to follow. You have to go so carefully."

Bob Bacon agrees: "You have to plan way in advance. It seems like it takes forever to happen."

Nearly 12 years into redevelopment, the agency was recently granted a 12-year extension to expire in November 2001. But it has only been actively pursuing projects for fewer than six years.

The projects that have come "on line" during that time — including Nation's office building, Pay 'n Pak, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Central Bank Plaza and Grease Monkey — will generate \$112,800 in sales tax alone. That figure is just over 10 percent of the \$1 million in annual sales money the city expects to see when all its "high priority" developments are completed. (See "Target Areas" on page 3.)

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END OF AN ERA: An anniversary of what once was a Bay Area landmark passed virtually unnoticed last Sunday.

As all local transportation buffs know, July 30 marked the 31st anniversary of the final crossing of the Southern Pacific ferry on San Francisco Bay.

Regular ferry service began on the bay in 1850 and lasted over a century, serving as conduits for San Francisco-bound passengers left off by trains at piers in the East Bay. Think about that the next time you're stuck in a traffic jam headed for the toll gate.

THIS IS WHAT I really call a message: This item comes to us copied from the Albany police blotter in its entirety: "RP reported deceased squirrel on her property. Squirrel was ID'd as Rocket J. of the famous Rocky and Bullwinkle Show. Investigation has been initiated with BOLOS (Be On the Lookout) for Boris and Bullwinkle; it appears that Rocky was going to leave with Natashia (sic) but the secret was leaked. Will the cause of death be revealed? Will the susp. be identified? Is this the end of our hero? Don't miss the next exciting episode of Rocky and Bullwinkle — the Final Adventure."

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BUT THAT TRICK NEVER WORKS: A letter-writing campaign to *The Journal* directed against Ruth Ganong, elected to the AC Transit Board of Directors less than a year ago, appears to be in the works.

The only problem is that most — if not all — of the letters seem to be coming from a single source who doesn't have the guts to admit who he or she is.

Two of the letters were sent to *The Journal* by a John Stiener (note the misspelling, which was on both letters) of Berkeley.

Another letter arrived from an alleged Mr. Klien (check out the spelling) of Richmond. *The Journal* wrote Mr. Stiener and its letter was sent back marked "no such number." A call to Mr. Klein (note correct spelling) was similarly unsuccessful. Two other letters have no listing for those names in the phone book. All the letters contain the same rhetoric.

So we wouldn't worry. Ruth, until whoever this

same rhetoric.
So we wouldn't worry, Ruth, until whoever this gutless person is learns how to spell and how to conduct a letter writing campaign....

ALBANY — The following is a partial account of crimes and incidents occurring in Albany recently according to police records.

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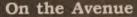
• An off-duty Berkeley police office reported seeing two males cutting chains to newsracks in front of the Sizzler. Police found the manager had cut the chains to move the racks. He told police he was tired of the 10 racks in front of his business. He said the vendors promised to move them but didn't.

didn't.

• A mother living in Oregon reported to Albany police July 27 that she had received a disturbing call from her son who said he had just killed himself. Police arrived at 3:45 a.m. at the man's Pierce Street apartment and found him sleepy but in good health. They called his mother and told her she might have been the victim of a prank call.

A Stannage Avenue resident complained July 27 that his neighbor's dog was barking at 4:38 a.m. The neighbor promised police he would keep the dog in-ride at night.

Police Report





By Chris Treadway

AND NOW HERE'S SOMETHING we hope you'll really like: It was less than two weeks ago the *Trib* announced in a headline that "S.F. homeless say they stay in the Civil Center." Sounds a helluva lot more receptive than hanging out in front of City Hall or the Civic Center...

NOTHING UP MY SLEEVE: In this space two weeks ago we wrote about our travels in Ireland and wondered openly about a sight we saw as we motored back to Dublin — a family and neighbors joyously watching a tire burn over a roaring bonfire.

Many thanks to Alan Kaplan, a naturalist from the East Bay Regional Parks District, for sending us a plausible explanation for this phenomenon, culled from "The Dictionary of Folklore, Mythology and Legends" entry for Midsummer Eve.

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We quote: "In Ireland in some districts each family builds its own bonfire, circumambulates the fire and circumambulates the house three times with a burning brand from the fire. Sometimes there is a community fire on a...hilltop or a crossroad through which the people leap, drive their cattle and light their brands for the circumambulation of houses, fields and byres.

"Blazing brands...are thrown into potato fields and gardens; ashes from the fires are mixed with seeds for planting." (Midsummer, or St. John's Eve, is June 23, about the time we saw this sight in Ireland.)

At least there's some plausible explanation to clear up this mystery. Again, many thanks to both Mr. Kaplan and the Albany squirrel unit for their investigative determination. And while we're at it, thanks to Aquila Travel of El Cerrito for making the arrangements for our recent trip.

• On a search for two subjects who fled from a possible stolen vehicle, police apprehended an 18-year-old in the back yard of a Cerrito Avenue house July 23. He was released a short time later when it was learned that he was just trying to get his girlfriend's attention.

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• A parrot on Evelyn Avenue sprung itself July 22. Its owner reported it may have been stolen, but police found no signs of a forced entry. They said slight pressure to the back door would cause it to open. "(It) appears likely dogs opened door, and parrot opened its cage door in the same fashion," the report stated.

• A Kains Avenue woman reported she arrived home at noon July 22 to find two men parked in front of her driveway. When she honked, the driver laughed. When she got out of her car and told him to move, he displayed a gun. The men drove off in a late model gray Toyota or Honda.

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• A Kains Avenue man found a box of dog feces on his front porch July 22. Police discovered the box belonged to a teenage

# **Letters**

# Thanks to you, people say 'boo'

Editor:

Once more on behalf of Grace Lutheran church, I wish to thank you for publicizing our church's activities and particularly our Vacation Bible School held last week. It was a great success and you played a key role in it. Also, I receive many favorable comments on the publicity you provide our church's activities. No one would say "boo" unless you printed our articles. For this another great big thank you.

Agnes M. Hoogen

Agnes M. Hoogen El Cerrito

# Albany, don't blow recycling program

Editor:

I am visiting my aunt in the Bay Area for a few days and wanted to take the opportunity to congratulate this community on the recycling program I've become aware of while (in Albany). I wish we had a similar one in my town.

I did observe, however, that not all households on our street seem to participate on garbage pick-up day. Last week the white

buckets were on the curb at less than half the houses on our street.

It would be a shame if the program were discontinued from lack of support. You've got a great thing here, don't blow it! Let's face it, it we don't all start recycling, we're going to be buried in our own trash.

# Is Ku Klux Klan mindset in Albany?

Editor:

Twenty-five years after the Civil Rights Act of 1964, it is gratifying to know that the Ku Klux Klan "mindset" still exists on Curtis Street in Albany. Schools, lunch counters and ballot boxes have been integrated, but not Curtis Street. Albany Police Report (July 27, The Journal) notes an "anonymous" caller reports two black men walking down Curtis on July 17. He asks police not o "hassle" them because they were not "criminal types." But they were black, weren't they, "anonymous"?

Suppose they had been Asian, Hispanic or even from Berkeley, God forbid!

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Perhaps the residents shold post a sign at either end of the

street forbidding all who another color to enter. By nd tell us yo

# Setting teacher record straight

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# **I-80** –

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CalTrans officials based their second round of designs on a 1984 final environmental impact study that identified three major areas requiring the most traffic alleviation: the Richmond-bound lanes at San Pablo Dam Road during morning peak hours; evening slowdowns from the toll plaza to the Ashby exit; and criss-cross slowdowns at the 80/580 split.

Richardson said if all goes a planned, final completion of total highway expansion, including onramps and overpasses, should be completed by 1994.

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ramps and overpasses, should be completed by 1994.

The City of Berkeley decided last month not to approve the Cal Trans plan for fear that it would only perpetuate the problem of too many single passenger vehicles. Berkeley council members said the money might be better spent in mass transportation rather than the construction of additional lanes.

CalTrans Chief Director Lincoln Chu said as long as construction does not close off any city streets, an agreement from Berkeley is not needed to begin development.

Albany City Council members plan to hear the final expansion plans sometime in the next few months. At the request of Councilmember Thelma Rubin and members of the audience, CalTrans will construct a three-dimensional model of the final plan for public viewing.

# ■ Correction ■

Every effort is made to ensure ac-gracy in The Journal. Readers are or clarifications to PO. Box 1624, El Cerrito 94530.

# Journal Profile



Dale Hudson, Albany schools superintendent

Community Roles: Albany Rotary Club president, member of Commerce, on Albany YMCA board of directors Family: Married with three children

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Hobbles: Camping, gardening
Book Last Read: "The Hunt for Red October"
Favorite Films: "Vacation," "Caddyshack"
Annoyances: "Slow drivers in the fast lane."
Favorite Local Restaurants: "Solano Bar and Grill. Close to office of early service."

food and service.

Best Way to Spend a Sunday Afternoon: "A family barber Greatest Accomplishment: "Raising a family of three sons

# **Auditions for comedies 'Brighton Beach** Memoirs,' 'How to Succeed in Business'

Albany parrot springs itself; now on the lam

International riot July 26. They arrested 15 to 20 protesters on Allston Way near Shattuck

A Fillmore Street man came to the station July 26 to retrieve his car that had been towed. He proved to police that he had paid his 54 parking tickets and three years' registration.

years' registration.

• A 16-year-old Pierce Street boy complained that his downstairs neighbor pushed her way into his apartment July 25 and started yelling at him about noise he made the previous Saturday. It was the second such complaint from the tenants in two days. Earlier, the woman had police listen to a tape recording of the "noise." Officers said they heard nothing. Both tenants were advised to contact police, not each other, in future disputes.

● A Kains Avenue man came to the station July 25 asking to speak to an officer. He said he was despondent over the death of his best friend who had killed his wife and committed suicide. He asked that police book him. Instead, officers took him to his girlfriend's house and advised him not to drink anymore that night.

EL CERRITO — Contra Costa Civic Theatre will hold open aud-tions for Neil Simon's *Brighton Beach Memoirs* at 1 p.m. Aug. 13 and 7:30 p.m. Aug. 14. Auditions are at the theater, 951 Pomona Ave. at the corner of Moeser

or Shirleen Holt irts Editor Don August ters Brenda Dawson, Teri DeL d Malcolm, Chris Treadway by Editor Laura Ingram

ed on the author's memories of his family living in a lower middle class, crowded household in Brooklyn in 1937. The production is directed by Louis Flynn.

The theater is also seeking technical people for work on costumes, sets and lighting design for its 1989-90 season. In addition to *Brighton Beach*, CCCT will

present I'm Not Rappaport and the musical Where's Charley? plus a summer musical to be an-nounced. For information call 235-0785 or leave a message at 524-9132.

Auditions for How to Succeed in Business Without Really Try-ing will be held at the Masquers Playhouse, 105 Park Place, Pt. Richmond, Aug. 20 at 2 p.m. and Aug. 21 at 7 p.m.

There are roles for singers, dancers, actors, men and women of all races, ages 20 through 60.

Actors should bring a resume with headshot, an upbeat song in their range and a one-to-two-minute humorous monologue or read from the script. A pianist will be available. No appointment is necessary.

Production dates are Oct. 27 through Dec. 16.

For information call the director, Rhoda Plymack, at 236-4988 or music director Pat Nelson at 234-7764.

# Church Notes

1111 Navellier St., El Cerrito. Rev. Dr. Paul Nagano; Rev. Sadao Masuki, Nichigo minister. 525-0727. Rev. David Nakagawa will preach

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vices meet at the following
handbell choir practice, 8:45
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and question time, 9:45;
go bible study and English worervice, 11 a.m.; and fellowship
in Adamson Hall at noon.

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El Cerrito Methodist Church, 6830
tockton Ave., El Cerrito. Gary E.
ope-Sears, pastor. 525-3500.
Sunday worship service on Aug. 6
at 10 a.m. with Pastor Pope-Sears
residing. A brief coffee hour follows
the service. The adult bible and
pecial discussion classes are at 11:15
m.

.m.
The chancel choir, under the direcon of Connie Frueh, will present
pecial music. Pastor Gary will have a
noment with the children before Sunay school. Child care for all ages is

First Unitarian Church, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington. Rev. Richard F. Boeke. 525-0302.
Rev. Boeke's topic on Aug. 6 at the 10:45 a.m. service is In the Year 44: Hiroshima Remembered. Shinto Priest Hitoshi Iwasaki will open the

service with a Shinto peace ritual.

Morning meditation service is at 8:30 a.m. The personal theology group meets at 9:30.

Childcare is available beginning at 9:30 a.m.

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Grace Lutheran Church, 15 Santa
Fe Ave., El Cerrito. Joan Ross, Lay
Minister; Ortwin R. Janke, Pastor
Emeritus. 525-9004.

Bible classes begin at 9 a.m. The
worship service is at 10:30 a.m. and
coffee hour, held in the refurbished
Parish Hall, is at 11:30 a.m.

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Christ Lutheran Church, 780
Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito. The Rev.
Martin J. Schaefer, pastor. 524-1050.
The church's summer schedule
through Sept. 3 is as follows: Sunday
service, 10 a.m. and coffee hour, 11
a.m. There is no Sunday school.
On Aug. 5 the sermon will be
delivered by Pastor Rich Miller of the
Salem Lutheran Home in Oakland.
The church will hold a vacation bible school for children 4 to 12 Aug. 15
to 19 from 9 a.m. to noon. Call the
church to register. The fee is \$5.

Mira Vista United Church of

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Mira Vista United Church of Christ, 7075 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito. Rev. M. Nancy McKay, pastor. 234-0110.

Lay leader Don West, Jr., wil deliver a sermon titled Spiritua Journeys and Foreign Journeys at the

10 a.m. service on Aug. 6.

The Young family will be red during he service as Christ
bassadors, as they leave the for day for a family camp in the Union.

# Hillside run this Saturda

EL CERRITO — The Annual Hillside Run III place at 10:30 a.m. Saturil at the Cerrito Vista Park Moeser Lane and Pome Avenue

Avenue.
Registration is at 9 Proceeds benefit the El0 rito High School cross of try team.



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# BOOM OR BUST

Redevelopment Agency Direct Patrick O'Keeffe predict

'all goes well," according to

ficials:

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San Pablo Avenue will
wome a planned and unified
mmercial strip for the first time
the city's history. The improvethe will make it more attractive

for residents and shoppers.

• Retail businesses will have been bought in to fill the gaps in the marketplace of the larger Berkeley-Albany-El Cerrito area. Stores such as Target will draw customers from seven to 10 miles

away.

● The overall improved business climate will, in turn, attract other new ventures to locate here without Redevelopment Agency

without Redevelopment Agency assistance.

• And, for the first time in some 20 years, the business area will become a viable source of tax revenue for the city.

When the other projects currently on the table are completed, O'Keeffe estimates the city's \$9.2 million investment will be returned in six and a half years through sales and property taxes. The developments are expected to bring in \$1.5 million annually.

### The seven-year slump

Those projections could be a sign that the city is finally moving ahead on redevelopment. In the beginning, progress was especially slow.

Few properties were sold or improved during the first seven years. Their tax valuation did not increase beyond the 2 percent allowed by Proposition 13 (that increase does not go to the agency) and a city study showed that with adjustments for inflation, actual value of many properties decreased.

Most of those years were devoted to planning studies that analyzed the state of the existing commercial area and which types development to attract.

It was not until 1985 that any appreciable revenue had been built up — about \$500,000. That money was used to float the first bond issue toward redevelopment. The \$6 million bond issue passed in 1985 gave the agency seed money to begin projects.

"Even that is a drop in the bucket," O'Keeffe said. "When you're talking about buying commercial property, \$6 million doesn't go very far."

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Two major projects were built during this year period: Hazel-Shirley Manor, a senior housing complex, and Nation's office

building, both at Madison and San Pablo avenues.

The housing project was the biggest. "It required most of the Redevelopment Agency money accumulated to that point to buy the property, which was donated to the non-profit company that built the housing project," O'Keeffe said. The complex was built with the help of a federal loan "when those things were still around."

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By 1985 the agency had reached a turning point. It had the resources to hire a full-time director, O'Keeffe, and a full-time secretary. (Agency revenue also pays for the time of other city personnel and services it uses.) For the first time, the agency actively began promoting development in El Cerrito.

Developing the entire redevelopment area far exceeded the agency's resources, so specific blocks known as target areas were singled out. The agency established goals: to work toward more intensive development, to make better use of land, and to support projects that produce sales tax

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### The fruits of promotion

The agency has been promoting development for four years now, O'Keeffe said, and it finally has gained enough momentum to attract the attention of developers.

The California Real Estate Journal, a trade magazine, published its first-ever article on El Cerrito in April.

"When you're a community like El Cerrito, where nothing has happened on a large scale since World War II, where the population growth isn't high except on the periphery, developers don't even think about you," O'Keeffe said. "For a while they weren't even thinking about this corridor, they weren't even thinking about West County."

Promotion has changed that climate, he insists. There have been 15 projects built so far, including Pay 'n Pak, the largest sales tax revenue producer built to date. (The store is scheduled to be incorporated into a larger development.)

There have also been setbacks, of which the public is all too painfully aware. The agreement for the Schurgin Development Cosshopping center was terminated in February, prompting the developer to slap the city with a \$1.14 million lawsuit. Repeated attempts to begin revamping El Cerrito Plaza have also been fruitless.

"(The public) does not know the complexity of real estate development, so they see that fail-ed effort as something that is not going to happen because the in-tent didn't happen," O'Keeffe said.

A new developer, San Francisco-based Rodde-McNellis, will take over the former Schurgin project. "We're finally getting to the point where we have a number of projects on the board," he said.

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# Target Areas



- 1: No proposal yet. Suggested use includes a hotel or
- motel.

  2: A 65,000 square foot office building for GLM Real Estate Services Inc.

  3, 5: Two areas combined for 200,000 square foot shopping center. Pay 'n Pak will be the project's anchor tenant. Possible Raley's,

- Lucky.

  4: The agency received a proposal for a 85,000 square foot Target store.

  6: Eventually an office project. Currently, the city has no money for the site.

  7: El Cerrito Plaza. The city wants a major developer to purchase the aging center and redesign it to compete with other shopping malls.

  8: Seeking proposals for a 30,000 to 40,000 square foot automotive/retail center.

  9: Negotiations continue with
- center.

  9: Negotiations continue with IBEX Corp. for a mixed-use project that would include 27,000 square feet of commercial space and 150 housing units.

  10: Cerrito Galleria, a 6,000 square foot shopping area completed this year.
- Plans include renovating existing buildings and creating a joint parking lot
- 12: Civic Plaza apartments completed in 1988. 162
- 14: No longer included in redevelopment plans
  15: No proposal yet. Slated for mixed use.
- The agency is seeking proposals for a mixed use office and retail project

# Redevelopment: urban renewal transformed

Redevelopment is a modified and localized descendant of the federal urban renewal program that had its heyday from 1954 to 1974. There are some major differences, however.

Urban renewal was a system of grants, rather than an investment program. It typically used grants to pay for 66 to 75 percent of a project's cost.

Projects, generally in the decaying core of an inner city, were supposed to be residential in nature, but the program had no way to induce developers to build low-income housing. By law, redevelopment must devote 20 percent of its tax increment to low- and moderate-income housing.

Urban renewal also was infamous for its backward development approach. After large tracts of city land were builldozed and cleared, developers were sought to build there. The urban craters often sat vacant for years or even decades, creating an even worse blight.

And there was no provision for the families, usually low-income, and businesses displaced by the demolition.

Redevelopment agencies are required to have a development agreement in place before parcels are acquired and the land is cleared.

Like urban renewal, the justification for designating a redevelopment area is to eliminate social, economical and physical blight. What that has usually come to mean is the revitalization of a commercial area.

area.

In California, redevelopment became popular as a way to replace property tax revenue lost with the passage of Proposition 13 in 1978. Today 333

of California's 450 cities have redevelopment agencies.

The primary purpose of an agency is to stimulate development where none would otherwise take place. To do this an agency acts as a promoter of the city's commercial area and essentially acts as a co-investor with interested developers. There are also incentives programs that encourage development with no financial participation by the agency.

The agency's most important function in encouraging commercial development is to use its financial leverage and, if necessary, its eminent domain powers to consolidate small parcels of land into a parcel big enough for a substantial development.

Funds from the agency's tax increment and any bond issues can be used to buy parcels, absorb the cost of existing improvements (buildings, etc.) and relocation costs of owners or tenants

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and relocation costs of owners or tenants
These expenses are used to "write down" (see "Terms" this page) the property to its vacant land value for the developer who is unable to absorb these costs and build a cost-competitive project otherwise.

cost-competitive project otherwise.

In El Cerrito, for example, a single two-block project area consists of 23 parcels with different owners. Each is too small to put any substantial development on individually, each too expensive as a whole for a private investor to acquire.

Agency money may also be used for infrastructure improvements, such as El Cerrito's refurbishment of San Pablo Avenue, to make the area more attractive to the

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business community.

The agency may take responsibility for on-site improvements or other expenses such as the relocation of utilities.

Expenses are sometimes underwritten in exchange for agency participation in the cash flow revenue of a project.

Redevelopment can be a sound way for a city to bolster its revenue base, said John Landis, a city planning professor at U.C. Berkeley. But he warns that there are some key questions surrounding the success or failure of such a major undertaking.

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Or, "This may be a good (one-time) project, but is it going to attract new development?"

Landis said. Will the project serve as a magnet for attracting new development without the city's help?

And the bottom line:

# Terms

BLIGHT: There are three types of blight under state law: economic, physical and social. The definitions are vague and broadly worded, and thus can be applied subjectively.

and thus can be applied subjectively.

Economic blight is an area not performing to its potential. Physical blight, the most obvious, refers to dilapidated or unsafe buildings or areas. Social blight exists in areas that constitute a social burden on government. Examples would include places with high crime, drug activity or overcrowding.

A blighted area must be found to be a social, economic or physical burden on the community that private enterpise cannot alleviate.

alleviate.

EMINENT DOMAIN: The most powerful — and most feared — tool a redevelopment agency has for settling disputes over the value of a piece of land or acquiring a parcel from an owner who does not want to sell, so it may be assembled with other parcels for the construction of a project. It is a condemnation process that brings in a third party, the Superior Court, to decide the amount of compensation a property owner will receive for the land. The ruling is made based on appraisals submitted by both the agency and property owner. Either side may appear the court's decision.

HOUSING: By law, the

HOUSING: By law, the agency must provide 20 percent of available tax increment funds to increase the supply of low- and moderate-income housing. This money may be used in a number of ways to fund the housing construction.

Also, any housing units lost as a result of redevelopment must be replaced within four years.

INCENTIVES PROGRAM:

developments.

NEGATIVE
DECLARATION: A statement filed by the agency that says the effects of a project are not significantly enough to warrant a complete environmental impact report. In determining the types of uses appropriate for El Cerrito's target areas, the city's analyst, Keyser Marston Associates, concluded that an EIR was not needed. The city filed a negative declaration. Opponents, as well as the city of Richmond, have called for an EIR.

RELOCATION: The

for an EIR.

RELOCATION: The agency is required by state law to pay relocation costs of property owners and tenants when a parcel is acquired. In addition, the agency must compensate business owners who prove that relocation has resulted in a loss of gross income. This is known as "goodwill" compensation.

TARGET AREAS: Specific

though they remain in the redevelopment area.)

TAX INCREMENT
FINANCING: One of several methods used to fund a redevelopment program, including EI Cerrito's. In a redevelopment area, the assessed valuation of property is "frozen" for outside taxing agencies.

When a piece of property is improved, other taxing agencies such as the sewer, mosquito abatement and community college districts receive their share at the frozen rate.

The increase in tax valuation, the increment above the frozen level, goes to the Redevelopment Agency. This money may be used directly to fund projects and agency expenses, or to support a bond issue, giving the agency greater leverage to finance projects.

WRITEDOWN: The amount of money the agency puts into an acquired property to bring it down to vacant land value so a developer can afford to build a competitive

# **Growing pains:** locals relocate

'For the first time I feel like protesting'

In one roll of the dice, George Schaber has come up a two-time loser.
When the Redevelopment Agency invited Target to build a store on the block of San Pablo Avenue where Golden Gate Lanes bowling alley and El Cerrito Elims trailer park now sit, Schaber knew he would soon be out of a job and a home. Schaber is general manager of Golden Gate Lanes and he lives with his family at the trailer park. This isn't the first chunk of hard luck to hit Schaber recently. A year and a half ago, he and his wife Sandy were forced to sell their home of 24 years after a business investment went sour.
All they could afford after paying off their debts was a one-bedroom trailer, which they moved to El Cerrito Elms trailer park. Now Schaber, 55, will have to work until he's 70 to prepare financially for retirement.
He has worked in the bowling business since he was 11, starting as a pin setter and inching his way up. Now he is manager at Golden Gate Lanes, where he has worked for five years.
Schaber believes American Recreation Centers, the company that owns Golden Gate Lanes and a string of other bowling alleys, will offer him another job—whether Golden Gate Lanes moves to a nearby site or closes its doors for good. But, he said, it is hard to live with uncertainty and impossible to plan for the future.

"With the bowling alley closing. I don't know where the hell I'll be working so it's difficult to know where to live."

After losing their home and moving into a 38-foot trailer, the Schabers have tried to recover from their misfortune. They've found routines that make their lives pleasant. George often takes the two-minute walk home for lunch; Sandy tends to the yellow-striped trailer and potted plants.

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Their two daughters and their husbands, children and a set of in-laws have also moved trailers into the park, creating what Schaber considers an ideal situation because "we are separate, but together."

And the price is right. The Schabers pay about \$300 a month for a space to park their trailer, garbage service, electricity and water.

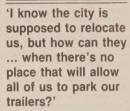
Besides being within their budget and allowing the rest of the family to live close, they said the trailer park is

safe and the neighbors friendly.

"We don't worry about our grandsons being kidnapped," Sandy Schaber said. "You hear a car and you don't have to worry, you know it's one of the neighbors."

"Il don't think you could bring up your kids any better," daughter Laureen Barnett said. "They have their own room and a yard, the neighbors check on them; it's perfect living if you're a family because you're in your own little community. We were all set to settle in and bring up our kids here. Now where is my son going to go to school?"

The Schabers knew the property was targeted for redevelopment when they moved in 18 months ago. But they assumed it would be 10



years before it was developed.
According to redevelopment
Director Patrick O'Keeffe, the
city may begin relocating
residents in six months.
That no moving dates have
been given to trailer park
residents frustrates the family.
They said they have had
difficulty getting answers
from city officials and they
interpret the city's silence as
neglect. neglect.
"The mayor thinks we're

"The mayor thinks we're nothing because we live in a trailer," Burnett said.

She and her mother say the park's residents take pride in their homes and spend a lot of time cleaning their trailers and planting flowers.

"We have to live here; we don't want this place looking like a slum," Sandy Schaber said.

### Sticking it out together

Because the three families want to continue living near each other but fear that the city won't help them find a place, they have been looking into what they can do for themselves.

There are plenty of mobile home parks, but the nearest trailer park that would allow the family's three different sized trailers is in Vallejo, according to the Schabers. "If you have a trailer on wheels, you're considered a gypsy," Sandy said. "You have to move them every so many days. I know the city is supposed to relocate us, but Because the three families



George Schaber





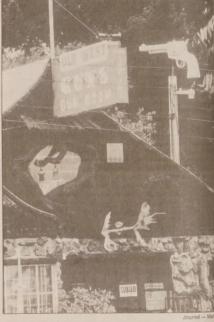
how can they relocate us when there's no place that will allow all of us to park our trailers?"

They considered pooling funds and buying a piece of El Cerrito property to put the three trailers on, only to learn that they would be violating city codes requiring that all homes have foundations.

Renting is another possibility, but the Schabers said they cannot afford much more than \$300 to \$400 a month. A house in that range, Sandy said, would be far below the standars they can tolerate.

### Violet's owner ambivalent

Violet's Cathay Inn, a bar and Chinese restaurant, is another San Pablo Avenue business that will have to move to make way for the



restaurant's three owners.

"Seven years ago we bought the building here so we wouldn't have to worry about leases expiring."

She would like to relocate the restaurant, which seats more than 100 people, to another location in El Cerrito so they can maintain the same clientele. She said she will wait to see what the city offers before forming an opinion.

### Gun store owner befuddled

# Weighing the benefits against the risks

By Chris Treadway

Nobody involved with redevelopment denies there are risks involved. The chances for a successful program depend great-ly on how well it is managed: which types of projects are selected, and whether the finan-cial obligations are handled carefully.

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Then, there are no guarantees that even a carefully chosen, well-built program will be successful. And the risks worry some redevelopment critics.

"There are some things government can do and some things government can't do," attorney John Dunn said. "I'm not sure government is a good venture capitalist."

In addition, city leaders must cope with the "human element"—the devastating effect of razing entire blocks and displacing homes and businesses.

'The commercial area doesn't make the character of a city. El Cerrito will continue to be a very desirable city to live in' -Councilmember Bob Bacon

Gary Binger, planning director for the Association of Bay Area Governments, said displacement is an unfortunate feature of redevelopment. "People and businesses ... are moved out to make way for projects."

From bowling alley patrons and employees to residents and owners of trailer parks, relocation has been a sensitive issue in El Cerrito.

The city has an extensive relocation program and guidelines, but still, said Councilmember Bob Bacon, "There's an undue fear of having to move people out of residential property. We sent out a letter to people

Also working against El Cerrito is the limited size of parcels that can be put together for a development. That limitation, the presence of Hilltop Mall to the north and the new retail development in Emeryville to the south, will keep El Cerrito from becoming a regional commercial center, according to John Landis, a city planning professor at U.C. Berkeley.

Berkeley.

O'Keeffe said he only has 
"minor" disagreements with 
Landis's analysis. He said the

See RISKS on page 5

# Businesses sitting in redevelopment's path

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# Redevelopment's helmsman

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any's albatross, the Villa Motel. What police are doing about the and prostitution it attracts.

"Pat and I worked together almost the whole time," said Bill Waterhouse, former redevelopment director at Concord who now holds that position for the city of San Ramon. "At first Pat didn't know anything about redevelopment.

"He grew along with me," said Waterhouse, who worked for the Redevelopment Agency in San Francisco before going to Concord. "He learned almost everything you need to know about redevelopment. He knows redevelopment law, he knows the redevelopment process, he knows how to get things done."

In 1979 O'Keeffe received his

In 1979 O'Keeffe received his master's in political science/public administration from S.F. State. In Concord he supervised the agency's budget and expenditures of \$28.6 million in bond proceeds.

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O'Keeffe and Waterhouse did

painstaking work to map Concord's downtown plan in 1984-85, including negotiating for the coveted 1.1 million square foot Bank of America office building.

"It took us five years of promotional effort before we got the Bank of America proposal," O'Keeffe said. "And it took three years to negotiate the agreement. I spent nine years of my life there and when I left the building was finally going up. That kicked off a lot of stuff."

Today there are approximately 3.3 million square feet of office space in Concord as a result of redevelopment.

When El Cerrito created a full-time position for a redevelopment agency director in 1985, "I was fortunate enough to get it," O'Keeffe said.

Today he is a veteran of 13 years' experience in redevelopment. He admits he has cultivated a keen interest with the process. "Real estate is fascinating stuff."

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Since coming back to this side
of the hills, O'Keeffe, who earns
\$64,000 a year, has managed to
generate little controversy
himself. Unlike Oakland's former
redevelopment chief George
Williams, O'Keeffe wards off the
personal criticism that accompanies the highly-charged subject
of redevelopment.
As spokesman for El Cerrito's
plan, he must sell his product to
often reluctant buyers. Some of
their fears about redevelopment,



ironically, stem from the building boom in Concord. Intensive growth there thrust big city pro-blems — particularly traffic — on an infrastructure not prepared for

an infrastructure not prepared for it.

O'Keeffe said fears of El Cerrito becoming another Concord are needless.

'It'll never happen in this community,'' he said. ''The major difference is that this community has views of San Francisco Bay and as a result has restrictive height policies. So you're not going to see the density of development you see in Concord and Walnut Creek.''

As for opposition to redevelopment in general, O'Keeffe said: ''There is more support for the program than there is objection to it and I would tell you if I felt he other way. In fact, I'd probably be looking for a job.''

—Chris Treadway

# Boom

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Though redevelopment is entering its 13th year, the city is still at a pivotal point in its history. It has the option of keeping itself a "bedroom community" or of the greater metropolitan area.

For city leaders, the answer is obvious: either El Cerrito redevelops its commercial area or the city faces a financial crisis that would do more to ruin the quality of life here than more development ever could.

Warren Truitt is among the residents who question whether the money and effort spent on the process couldn't be better used elsewhere.

"We need to determine what the bottom line has been for the city of El Cerrito and then determine if we really need to give them another 12 years," he said. "Tve talked to a lot of people about this and I haven't found one who's in favor of an extension without an analysis of where we've been and what's ahead."

O'Keeffe said concerns about redevelopment are to be expected.

"There always would be and should be concerns about the use of eminent domain, displacement of people," he said. "I think there are a number of people who are supportive (redevelopment) but who are not vocal in their support. The people who really hear from are the ones who are most disastisfied."

Three seats will be open for the

# Risks-

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a BART station, he said.
The potential effects that a greater density of development could have on a small city such as El Cerrito have also raised fears.
"I feel that El Cerrito is a bedroom community," said Warren Truitt, a resident here for 35 years. "We don't want to be a Walnut Creek or a Concord. We just need to continue our growth at a reasonable rate."

Bacon said more intense

at a reasonable rate."

Bacon said more intense development is inevitable, just as it has been throughout the Bay Area as the population continues to grow. More traffic is a tradeoff, he said, for more sales tax revenue.

"The character of a city is determined by its population and El Cerrito's population is very stable," Bacon said. "The commercial area doesn't make the character of a city. El Cerrito will continue to be a very desirable city to live in."

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The El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce endorses redevelopment as a method to improve the city's blighted areas. It strongly supported the arrival of fast food restaurants up and down the avenue because "it's better to have it jammed up that way then with wild grass growing," said Director Del Wisenor.

But many members fear that major stores like Target will take

away business from local shop owners. (The city has not agreed to the Target deal yet, but it is tempted by the substantial revenue it will bring.) Wisenor said the newly-opened Cerrito Galleria, a mini-shopping center with six stores, could be adversely affected if Target were to come to El Cerrito.

# Urban

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"Whether you jump in bed with a big or small developer in inconsequential," Landis said. "The question is, are the city's revenue needs being met? The big risk is you spend all this money and you do a bad job."

Redevelopment is a time-consuming process. It involves powers of potential abuse such as eminent domain and its complexities can be confounding and frightening.

Bill Waterhouse, director of the San Ramon Redevelopment Agency, has been involved in redevelopment for two years. "I still don't know all of it. I'm still learning every day."

—Chris Treadway

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# E.C. Chamber

By Del Wisenor

# On praising employees

Every time you praise your employees and workers, you are helping them to form and maintain a positive mental attitude. Why the praise? One strong and basic reason is fulfillment. Everyone likes to feel that he or she is appreciated, that the quality of his work is noted and that it pleases his manager and company. The days when an employee worked hard for money alone are just about gone.

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Most workers today fully expect to be recognized for their consistently-good job performance. There are still plenty of workers who are mainly motivated by money, but the best ones, the employees who really put down roots and make a contribution to their firms and companies over a period of years, are usually those who received a healthy amount of praise for their good work. They find job fulfillment and interest so they stay with the company.

Praise is a form of acceptance. With all the problems and confusion of life today, more and more people seek assurance that they are accepted and approved by others. Such acceptance can be as vital as food is to our bodies.

The suggested plan by Perry Wilbut, author of Praising Employees, is to praise those who

manage whenever they deserve it. Look for reasons to offer words of praise and be alert for any and every opportunity to recognize a worker who has performed his or her work with quality, dedication and cooperation. Watch for any chances to praise employees in front of others and during staff meetings. Spoken praise for an employee may also be followed up with a note or letter of commendation.

Praise is a tried and true method that works. It can lift a worker from the lower ranks of a company and transform him or her into a valued key employee. The type of management that includes plenty of praise in its policy will be a more harmonious and successful one. Your employees will remember it and will give their all for a manager who appreciates them and lets them know it.

Fit for Office
Club President Verne Odlin and third vice president Sil Addego recently participated along with Mayor Jean Siri, City Manager Gary Pokorny and others in a the Seven C's — Contra Costa County Community and Corporate Cholesterol challenge. The friendly competition between participating cities

was to demonstrate our community's commitment to education and awareness in heart health, nutrition and fitness.

Test results will be used to generate a composite average of each city and will be compared to determine which city has the healthiest heart in Contra Costa County. We eagerly await these results and will print the winner in the next release. Thanks to Verne and Sil for their interest in this project through Qual-Med in San Ramon.

Thanks too to Dolph Stankus, chamber secretary, and Pat O'Keeffe, Redevelopment Agency director, who represented the city at last week's Sixth Annual mixer/trade show held at St. Mary's College in Moraga. This was coordinated by the Contra Costa County Chamber of Commerce Executives and sponsored by 20 chambers of commerce with exhibits by more than 40 businesses.

List update

Exhibits by more than 40 businesses.

List update

The chamber is in themidst of updating and reprinting the organizations list and encourage all groups to return the form asking for the new officers for the coming year.

This is a service that social, patriotic, fraternal and miscellaneous clubs. Any organization that would like to be added to this listmay contact the chamber at 527-3333.

By the time this column is published, my wife Theresa and I will have enjoyed a week's cruise on the St. Lawrence River into Canada. We'll have details in the next release.

# Anderson, Britton exhibit work

The seventh annual exhibition by a group of California realist painters, including three from El Cerrito, will be held at Oakland's Jack London Village Exhibit Hall Aug. 6 through 27. "Watercolor California '89" will include more tha 100 paintings by 10 awardwinning artists, Jack Anderson, Neil Anderson, Charlotte Britton, Henry Doane, Anne Fallin, Helen Maxon, Carol Mead, Clarice Roberts, Kenneth Siqueira and Mary Toman.

Jack Anderson and Charlotte Britton, husband and wife, are popular local art teachers and members of the El Cerrito Art Association. They recently traveled to Vancouver, B.C. for a workshop. Anderson particularly enjoys boat paintings, doing many at yards in the Richmond area.

Britton includes florals and still

many at yards in the Richmond area.

Britton includes florals and still life among her subjects. Kenneth Siqueira, from El Cerrito, paints the California scene and recently traveled to Italy and Portugal for subject material.

All three are landscape painters and regular exhibitors at Richmond Art Center Rental Gallery, in addition to the Jack London Village show.

Jack London Village is located at Embarcadero and Alice streets on the Oakland waterfront. Hours of the exhibit are 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily. The public is invited to a reception to meet the artists on Aug. 6 from 2 to 5 in the afternoon.





'McGaw Ranch' by husband Jack Anderson

# Keglers end two-week stream

ALBANY — Following a two-week flurry of record perfor-mances, Albany Bowl league members cooled off somewhat this week.

Raymond Young's 267 game and 650 series in the Jubilee 4's was the week's top mark. The scratch leagues were led by Bill Beltz 231-850, Willie Broach 232-833, Nick Mamaril 257-816, Joe Cunliffe 232-809 and John Bruno 267-806 in the four-game 535 Scratch Trio; LeRoy Stanfield 235-637, Bill Bransford 217-618, Larry Belote 230-607, Sefen Cincera 220-605 and Mario Magpantay 213-600 in the 850

Match Point; and Stan Washington 228-604 in the 700 Scratch 4's. Velma Campbell led the women with 210-553 followed by Marilyn Fulrath 547 and Dianne Wheeler 541.

# Minding the city's business

Verne Odlin, president of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce (from left), architect Bob Grether, Mayor Jean Siri, developer Craig Woolmington-Smith and City Manager Gary Porkorny heard plans for a new development June 26. The luncheon included details of the proposed El Cerrito Business Center to be constructed on Pablo Avenue between Knott Avenue and Cutting Boulevard.

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# **Business Scene** JENNIFER HUGHES FASH-ION ACCESSORIES in the Montclair Village is celebrating their one year anniversary by hav-ing a store wide sale with prices reduced on every single item of eel-skin shoes, handbags, men's and women's wallets, briefcases, attaches, business accessories, leather goods, earrings, jewelry, scarves and all other items in the store.

Jennifer Hughes celebrates First Anniversary in Montclair.

Jennifer has brought to the Village one of the finest collections of cel-skin bags, shose, briefcases and gift items. "We are very happy in our new home in the Village and especially glad to be able to share our anniversary with our customers," she commented.

During this six week celebra-

tion, be sure to register to win fabulous prizes at Jennifer Hughes. Prizes include: a weekend for two at The St. Francis with dinner at Maxwell's and theater tickets; a get away weekend at the Sonoma Mission Inn and Spa; a golf weekend at The Silverado Country Club; Sunday brunch at The Claremont Resort Hotel in Berkeley and many more prizes. The rules to win are simple but much too long to list here; a quick stop at Jennifer Hughes will put you on the winning track.

Enjoy the anniversary sale and contest at both Jennifer Hughes locations, in Danville at the Clocktower, (telephone 820-1020) and in the Montclair Village At 6120 La Salle Ave., (telephone 339-2950). Store hours in both stores are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sundays noon to 6 p.m.

The fashion beat goes on with color and style at ADDED DIMENSIONSOn Lakeshore Avenue in Oakland, "Where Fashion Starts At Size 16."
Richard and Kay Cohen, husband and wife co-owners of Added Dimensions, recognized the need in the Bay Area to provide a fashionable alternative to the existing retail market. "Good taste and positive image projection are the issues in fashion that we address at Added Dimensions,"

By Michael S. Holm

commented Richard. "on our client's lifestyle and provide fashions there to achieve and entimage."

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ra representative of the sub-nent to survive and flourish is competitive environment, pply has to offer something of the ordinary. Berkeley's in Cafe, which certainly as one of the Bay Area's Indian restaurants for at-there, is definitely in a class

10-minute walk from U.C. Berkeley.

Upon entering the bazaar, the first thing you will notice is a gentle waft of incense. Before reaching the cafe, you pass down a long aisle crammed with basmati rice, condiments, Indian prints, bedspreads and the like.

At last you ascend a stairway adorned with pictures and photographs of typical Indian scenes. By the time you arrive at your table, you are already well on the way to feeling like you've been whisked aboard a magic carpet to India.

In the tastefully decorated cafe loft itself there are, quite possibly, more colorful handpainted Indian cloths than in any other room of comparable size in Northern California. To sit anywhere is such a room is a pleasure, but we'd suggest taking a table near the front, beside the sort of bedspread-turned-canopy which extends out from the loft and over the shop down below. This spot affords the best view of the bazaar.

While waiting for your order, you can do some leisurely "win-

the bazaar.

While waiting for your order, you can do some leisurely "window shopping." What you will see may surprise you. Many Indian restaurants, both here and

abroad, are affiliated with spice shops, this provides pretty good assurance that only the freshest ingredients will be used in prepar-

ingredients will be used in preparing your food.

The Bazaar of India — in addition to peddling large quantities of spices and other Indian foods (like barfee, miniature nutflavored Indian cheese cakes that taste considerably better than they sound) — stocks an impressive collection of imported and hand-carved wood furniture, hand-made Indian clothing and even a wide selection of sitars and other Indian musical instruments which you won't see in too many other stores.

While the food at the Indian

which you won't see in too many other stores.

While the food at the Indian Cafe has not always been of the highest quality, during the past couple of years we have noticed a decided change for the better. For example, the cafe's tangy raita (the Indian yogurt and dill equivalent of Greek zatziki, \$1.25) is now to be counted among the Bay Area's best, and several of its entrees — especially some of its vegetarian offerings like mushroom curry (\$5.50) and sag paneer (spinach with farmer's cheese, \$6) are excellent. Connoisseurs of Indian desserts have a treat in store for them too. The

Indian Cafe's mango custard (\$1.25) is one of the premier Indian desserts around. Alternatively, you might want to try a mango shake with ground nuts (\$1.50) — it's right up there, too — or kulfi, a chippy homemade pistachio-flavored ic cream that is out of this world.

In any case, when one considers the restaurant's almost inconceivably low prices, it is hard to be hypercritical. Prawns vindaloo, a spicy saute of prawns and onions in a mild, flavorful coconut sauce, is, at \$8.50, the restaurant's most expensive a la carte dish. For something a little different, you might give shahi keema (ground lamb with Kashmiri herbs and dried nuts cooked in a thick pea sauce, \$6) a try.

The menu's most expensive full

The menu's most expensive full course dinner for two (which no two people we know could finish) costs a mere \$25. This feast includes two pea-and-potato samosas (turnovers that are crisp and good but a little greasy), four onion pakoras (fritters), mulligatawny (lentil) soup, a good (but not terribly authentic) romaine salad, two meat entrees, one vegetable curry, rice pulao (pilaf), dessert and coffee or spic-

# The East Bay's **Best Ethnic** Restaurants

By Richard and Linda Flamm



\*\*\* Excellent \*\* Very Good

Romeo and Juliet

well done at Park

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ed tea. The cafe also offers multi-course vegetarian dinners at obscenely low prices; and lunch prices are lower still.

While in our reviews we make every effort to be "price blind," judging a restaurant's ambience and cuisine without regard to cost, it seems a bit unfair to measure the culinary merits of a bargain-priced place like the In-dian Cafe against those of restaurants which charge substan-tially more.

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restaurants which charge substantially more.

Admittedly, the Indian Cafe may not boast the glitter of Gaylord's, the urbane sophistication of Bombay Palace or the world class culinary magic of the peninsula's vastly underrated Sue's Kitchen. However, having

By Hilda Scheib

In his program notes to Romeo and Juliet, director Julian Lopez-Morillas promises a production respectful of the craft displayed by Shakespeare in his well-known treach.

the craft displayed of the craft displayed of the cragedy.

And that is exactly what the Berkeley Shakespeare Festival's Romeo and Juliet, which opened recently at John Hinkel Park in Berkeley, provides — a meticulous, well-thought out production free from any gimmickry or modernization.

But because of the casting,

modernization.

But because of the casting, the emphases have shifted here. Romeo and Juliet, performed by John Stadelman and Cindy Basco respectively, accentuate the youthfulness of the lovers. Both are slight of build and suggest goodnatured, rather than

mear that could easily have cost twice that much somewhere else and still have been worth it, we wouldn't feel quite right if we did not rank the Indian Cafe right up with the Bay Area's best. For all around value, they simply don't come a whole lot better than this.

Richard Flamm, a Berkeley attorney, and his wife Linda have written travel and restuarant articles for national magazines and newspapers. Their first book, Guide to the Bay Area's Best Ethnic Restaurants (Or How to Travel Around the World Without Leaving San Francisco), is due out from Zorba Press West this fall.

# **East Bay Dining** By Michael S. Holmes

heauty, grace and elegance of North Africa and the Middle East found at the newly opened Ali's in Kensington. The incredible resign is only an introduction to this culinary cultural experiate can be described as Moroccan Romantic.

Beginst a month ago, the menu boasts the finest in cuisines from a Algiers, Morocco and the Middle East. Meals begin with a ful assortment of Mezza which can include: harira, a traditional pil pil, sauteed prawns with fresh herbs and tomatoes; and yas ground lean lamb, seasoned with spices and served raw like attare, with pita bread.

The season of the spills with the season of the spills of chicken in lemon juice, basil and olive oil; and rack of lamb. Other ties are braised and include: chicken oasis, braised chicken in sauce with Medjool dates; Tagine Saudi, braised lamb with oan okra; and Tagine Jerusalem, chunks of lamb braised with the martichokes.

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Ition to these dishes there are many couscous, curry an dishes that will delight your palate and make your evening a

his exciting new restaurant is located at 385 Colusa Avenue, in single and open 7 days a week. The bar opens at 4 p.m. and are is served at 5 p.m., for additional information and reservations 326-1500.

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# Calendar

American Association of Retired Persons, Albany Chapter 2618, will hold its regular meeting at noon on Aug. 12 at the United Methodist Church in Albany. After a potluck lunch members will play bingo. Call Barbara Hersey for information at 527-1749.

The chapter sponsors a trip on Aug. 9 to the miniature horse ranch in Petaluma. The \$35 cost includes lunch in Occidental and a tour of Topolos Winery in Forrestville. Call Norman Hawker at 525-9121 for information.

The Kensington Senior Center

The Kensington Senior Center meets every Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Arlington Community Church.
On Aug. 10 at 11 a.m. Tom Woods, a volunteer at the Western Railway Museum near Rio Vista, presents a slide show, A Trolley Ride Into Yesteryear.

Green Stuff Day Camp, for children 8 to 11, is sponsored by the UC Botanical Garden from Aug. 7 to 11. Stories and exploration of the world of plants is on

the program.

For information call 642-3352.

The San Pablo Bay Gem and Mineral Society will meet Aug. 8 at 8 p.m. at Salesian High School in Richmond. Planning for the annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show on Sept. 9 and 10 is on the

headstrong or strong-willed, youths.

And the relationship between them, while suggesting affection, does not exude passion sufficient to steer them on their tragic course.

Instead, the fireworks in this production come from Charles Shaw Robinson as Mercutio and Jean Afterman as Juliet's nurse. Both roles are extremely interesting and both actors work the nuances of their complex characters.

Afterman's nurse is instrumental in Juliet's predicament, luring her to Romeo and then pragmatically urging her to forget him. What Afterman adds is the nurse's vicarious participation in Juliet's amorous intrigues — an old woman oblivious of her power.

Romeo and Juliet will continue at the amphitheater at Berkeley's John Hinkel Park through Sept. 15 in rotating repertory.

agenda.
For information call 234-0604.

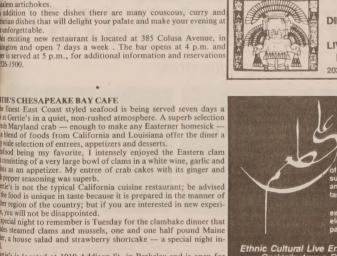
For information call 234-0604.

Folk Tales from Many Lands, storyreading sessions for children 5 and up at the El Cerrito Library, will wind up the series on Aug. 8 at 11 a.m.

Call children's librarian Agnes Chen at 526-7512 for information. The library is at 6510 Stockton St.

Nick Nocerino will discuss his book The Mysteries of the Crystal Skulls Revealed at the Heartsong Center in Albany on Aug. 4 from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Call 527-1245 for information.

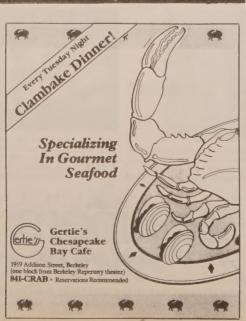
Young Musicians Program, sponsored by UC Berkeley, presents their final concerts Aug. 4 at 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 6 at 3 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Berkeley. Admission is free, donations are accepted. For information call 642-2686.







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# Cerrito couple to be narried in October

CERRITO — Cara Lee and Timothy John Walter gaged to be married Oct. 7 John the Baptist Catholic

Hollywood where she is working with a touring children's theater program.

Walter is the son of Mayna Walter and the late Byron "Red" Walter of El Cerrito. He attended Salesian High School and Contra Costa College. He lives in Van Nuys, where he is employed as a senior radiographic inspector for the Marquardt Corp.

# Pets of the Month





# Bay Area air quality district announces open burn season

The open burning season, which allows fires for range management, began in the Bay Area July 1 and will continue through April 30, according to Milton Feldstein, Air Pollution Control Officer of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. The fires must be necessary to maintain and continue the grazing of animals as a gainful occupation. The fires must also be set or allowed by the fire official having jurisdiction and must be necessary in the fire officials opinion.

nion.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District's jurisdiction includes Alameda County.

Restrictions may be placed on the condition of the brush and trees to be burned. In addition, prior notification to the District's Inspection Section is required.

Notification may be given by phoning 771-6000, ext. 262.

Burning can take place only on permissive burn days. A toll free

number has been established to give "burn-no burn" information. The number is 1-800 792-0787. The burn-no burn forecast is generally available by 3 p.m. for the following day.

In addition to the District's requirements, a local fire permit may be needed. Those seeking to burn should check with their local fire official regarding a fire permit

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A brochure on the open burning regulation is available to the public, free of charge, form the Public Information Office of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District by writing to 939 Ellis St., San Francisco 94109, or by calling the Public Information Office at 771-6000, ext. 210.

The Air Pollution Control Officer wishes to remind residents of the Bay Area that backyard burning of household refuse and garden prunings is prohibited by law.

# Paws for Advice

By Nancy Frensley



# The myth of the yard guard

Perhaps it is our puritan heritage, our basic American pragmatism or just plain old guilt that makes us feel a need to justify things we want. Perhaps we lack the joie de vivre of some other cultures where having or doing just for the joy of it is more acceptable than it is here.

Americans seem to always need an excuse for having intangible enjoyments, and that is often true when a person gets a yen for a dog. Especially if one grows up with a dog, there comes a time when life seems to be missing something vital because a canine is not around.

This doesn't always appear to be a rational need, so by the time one comes to the shelter ready to make a commitment, one also has reasons ready to present.

"Why do you want a dog?" asks the kindly adoption counselor. "Well," you reply, thinking quickly, "I want a dog to keep intruders out of my yard and to protect me."

At times the expression is not so well articulated. "I want a dog to bark in my yard," they say. Actually not everyone who wants a yard guard grew up with dogs or even likes them. Some see the yard dog as the cheapest possible security system. It probably works to a certain extent.

I know I am reluctant to enter a yard containing a dog I don't know even if it's just a Yorky or chihuahua. There are limits, though, to having this kind of relationship with a dog and there are false expectations.

The belief, prevalent in our culture, that a dog placed in a yard and fed, watered and bathed occasionally, will love his master and protect the master's property, is a myth.

is a myth.

It is far more likely that if the dog barks (and he will if banished to the yard and tied out on a chain) it will be from anxiety, frustration or to protect himself. More often than not the result will be annoyed neighbors and a mistreated, maladjusted animal. Your dog belongs in your house. Every gene in him cries out

for the structure of the pack. Since before the wolf tied his fortunes to man's over 10,000 years ago, the pack was the unit in which he lived, hunted and slept. Any wolf forced to sleep outside the den was an outcast, a pariah among wolves. He did not share the hunt or the food. Outside the pack was the place reserved for those who had committed crimes against the pack.

to man's society and work as his partner.

Even an 8-week-old puppy coming into your home for the first time will seek his place in the family structure (which is his "pack"). Clarity about his place is important to him. If the dog or puppy is brought home, put into a garage or yard, away from the pack, his understanding is that he is not accepted. The dog's response is predictable. He barks, howls, chews and digs out his frustrations. A dog that doesn't respond that way is an exception.

Your dog wants to earn a place in your life. By chaining him (or her) outside you become a jailer, not a master. When you bring a dog into your life he deserves a chance to develop a partnership with you. Given an opportunity, some training and a welcome into your home, the dog will develop naturally protective feelings toward you and your belongings. When he does feel protective, it is your job, not his, to decide what his actions may or may not be.

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If you want a protective dog, it is important to obtain professional training by responsible trainers who will remind you that it is you, not the dog, who makes the decisions.

You should be aware that a protection-trained dog requires additional responsibility on your part and can become a liability as well, because aggression must be brought out in the dog to accomplish this training.

Do you have a yard guard? If you have questions or comments please send them to PAWS, P.O. Box 2222, Berkeley 94702.

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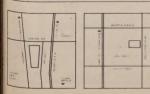
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By Clara-Rae Genser



# Loving cats need home

"ARVID BURMAN is a lovely lady, a longtime resident of Albany and she will be missed as she leaves this city to live in a retirement home in Oakland," Ruth Kitell told my message machine. "And she is very worried about her cats." A followup being a must, I talked with Arvid Burman in the little park near the home in which she had lived for 35 of her 49 years in Albany. This home is now being dismantled by her son George and other members of the family.

Burman's three cats, Bonnie,

members of the family.

Burman's three cats, Bonnie,
Nicky and Ponty need homes.
Ponty is a rose point Siamese
named after James Pierripont,
composer of Jingle Bells. Arvid
and her friend found Ponty
when they were looking for a cat
to be a companion to Mr.
Burman when he returned from
the hospital. Sadly, her husband
never did see Ponty.

Neighbors have promised to

never did see Ponty.

Neighbors have promised to feed and care for the cats until new owners are found but this seems to be a problem. New homes for family cats are hard to find. So Ruth turned to us because, she said, "I know you care about people and animals and this is a human interest story." Anyone interested in adopting one or more of the Burman cats is invited to call Ruth Kitell at 528-1032.

Meanwhile, what about Arvide.

Meanwhile, what about Arvid Burman? "Yes, I am going to live in Oakland," she said, "but I am not giving up my ties to this community." And the ties

are many.

ARVID WAS born in San Francisco. She married Leslie Burman, a boat builder, and came to the East Bay to be close to his work in the naval shipyards. Leslie made all the furniture for their home and Arvid is anxious that her children have all the pieces she cannot take with her. She delights in the fact that both of her sons inherited their father's ability to work with wood.

Arvid had been studying to be a nurse when she decided that music was her great love. She never did become an RN but did work as a LVN in Peralta Hospital for 10 years. When her husband became ill she went back to it, working at Brookside Hospital until he recovered and wanted her to stop working.

In Albany she became active in the Eff.

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In Albany she became active in the PTA, serving in many positions including president of the Albany High School chapter. It was here she met Sherrill Kleinhammer, who had a piano workshop. When Kleinhammer left, Arvid took it over and taught piano until she had to go back to work at Brookside.

She also played in a hand bell choir for about 10 years, until it faded away. "That was great fun," she said. More recently, having learned that conductor Ernest Douglas of the Albany Community Orchestra needed more players, she dusted off her violin and joined.

"I have been playing second

violin and joined.

"I have been playing second violin," she said. "And it's wonderful." It has given her the musical outlet she needed and she enjoys the interesting music they play. She will keep on with it even though she is moving.

Burman is active with the East Bay Heritage Quilters, and says she will continue this also. She has been working with the visually handicapped at Martin Luther King Community Center. They baste the fabric and do whatever their impaired sight allows them to do. She picks up the work and quilts it. That, too, she will continue in her new home.

She has done similar work at

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CATHERINE WEBB, who has been in these pages before, has advised us of the simply wonderful trip she recently took to take part in her granddaughter Linda's wedding. Catherine's son, Robert (Linda's father), made all the arrangements for her and she had 12 beautiful days.

Linda was married in a church

on the campus of MIT outside of Boston. The church was perfectly round and had a most

perfectly round and had a most around it. The pulpit, she said, was a solid block of white marble. Most unusual.

After the wedding she visited with her brother in Connecticut, where she saw the senior center he helped to found and the fabulous park he had helped build.

I appreciate your interest. Please write 555 Pierce St., No. 443, Albany 94706 or call 525-4585.



# Walker's Pie celebrates

Customers and friends joined Doug Walker recently for a dinner celebrating Walker's Pie Shop's 25th annisary. Chefs Erich Frisch (left) and Jorge Sandoval took a break from the Solano Avenue restaurant's tritional pie dessert and baked cream puffs and eclairs — pastries that Jack Walker, Doug's father, served, in early days. Guests included JoAnn Hiscox and Jim Bledsoe; the Adachi family, Pat Gillaspy and Kostainsek.

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Competition for sales in this wate sector has been hotly consent between the three German any manufacturers for the past years. Audi until recently has seen as a second cousin to a Mercedes Benz and BMW, now the rules have changed.

### Mold breaker

Moto break?

The new V-8 is the sum total of et one expects a luxury permance sedan to be. It should have any compromises. With Jower, all-wheel-drive, ABS has and a sleek aerodynamic by the new sedan breaks the do n what has been tradially considered a luxury permance sedan.

The body styling flows through on the earlier 5000-100 sedan is, yet the V-8's body emances its sports sedan styling he retaining an Audi family has been seen to be supported to the search of the sear

helow front hood line extends on to incorporate a chrome und grille and large, distinc-the dilphts. The front also in-porates a lower grille, 5 mph mores, fog lamps and headlight

Auto Scene

David Fetherston



The rear treatment follows the traditional Audi look with full width tail lamps and integrated bumper and lower apron.

Powering the new sedan is a refined and powerful multi-valve V-8. It uses a high silicon aluminum block which is only 16 inches long. High silicon (17 percent) alloy was used for the block as it allowed the pistons to run unsleeved in the block.

Audi designed the V-8 so it would be super compact, as they knew right from the drawing of the first line that the new V-8 would have to be compact enough to fit a four-speed automatic transmission and a four-wheel-drive system under the hood.

The heads use the latest four valve technology just like the Porsche 928 S4S, with 32 valves, fuel injection and electronic engine management. The four valve technology contributes to the engine wide power and torque band and allows the V-8 to breathe freely right across its power band.

Other standard design features of the V-8 include four cams, stainless steel exhaust headers, a 100 percent counter balanced forged crankshaft and an engine mounting system that isolates the engine via cushioning hydraulic mounts. This last detail is largely responsible for the extremely low noise and vibration level that is



No luxury has been left out in Audi's 1990 V-8, not even cellular phone.

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transferred to the interior by engine.

Part of the new engine package is a new look. The valves use hydraulic tappets which allow self-correcting valve clearances, and the cams are driven by a cogtoothed timing belt fitted with automatic tensioners to reduce wear.

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The other part of the new V-8 maintenance is Audi's new "Advantage" program. This offers all new V-8 owners a three-year-50,000 mile limited warranty, full vehicle maintenance for three years for virtually every part of the vehicle excluding soft trim and tires, and a 10-year rust protection warranty. The Advantage deal also includes a three-year roadside assistance card.

Finally, Audi has overcome the one item that its Quattro system lacked, an automatic transmission. This is not just another simple automatic. It can be used as either a regular automatic shifting transmission or as a clutchless manual transmission.

mileage.

For those unfamiliar with the Quattro system, it is designed to deliver maximum traction under all surface conditions while assuring the driver of the best handling and brake stability. What this means in everyday terms is that the Audi Quattro is the finest handling sedan in the world under

"all" driving conditions. This can also translate as the safest.

Part of this overall package are the ABS brakes which offer the driver maximum steering control and braking action under virtually all surface conditions. The ABS allows the driver to brake very hard and still retain steering control.

The brake components are also new. The front disc brakes feature calipers mounted inside the discs. This is achieved by attaching the disc to the drive shaft around its outer edge rather than its normal central attachment point. The caliper is mounted in the free space inside the brake ring and clamps the brake ring from the inside.

The advantage of the design is that it allows for a 20 percent larger disc. This results in lower brake life.

Standard everything

The suspension gives the V-8 Quattro a stable, comfortable and assured ride using fairly conventional coil spring suspension

four-joint trapezoidal lower control arms with upper control links.

Inside the good work continues. Leather and burl walnut are just part of the luxury interior. Standard features also include power windows, sunrof, locks, steering automatic climate control, power memory seat, a super Bose-Audi sound system and a driver's side air-bag.

Other neat parts of this package include a hands-free standard cellular phone mounted in the center armrest, a roll up rear window shade and a vehicle alarm. In fact, the only Audi option available is the Pearl White Metallic paint. Everything else comes standard for just on \$50,000.

The new Audi V-8 Quattro is a remarkable automobile. It offers everything that a driver could want in the way of handling, braking, performance and luxury — a benchmark for the '90s, one that's going to be hard to beat, even by the middle of next decade.

# SAA diagnostic van will do tests

The California State monobile Association's Auto mustic Van will be at the Ad Oakland office, 380 W. Arthur Blvd., Aug. 7-11 on appointment only basis. The State of State of

justments. Each motorist receives a detailed written report which can be taken to their own mechanic if any corrections are advised.

The diagnosis uses up-to-date electronic equipment to evaluate the performance of a vehicle's engine and its components. Motorists will also receive a fuel economy evaluation and a safety check.

# Six new models for VW's 40th U.S. year

The Wolfsburg Edition models include a Jetta GLI 16V, four-door Jetta GL, four-door Fox GL, four-door Fox GL, cabriolet and the seven-seat Vanagon GL.

The quickest and fastest model is the Jetta GLI 16V sports sedan.

Only 1,500 GLI 16Vs will be produced. They come fully equipped, the only option being an electronic anti-lock braking system.

1.8-liter fuel-injected engine.

The four-door Golf GL hatchback standard equipment includes a Blaupunkt AM-FM
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The Cabriolet is
Volkswagen's convertible
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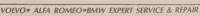
The Wolfsburg Vanagon seats seven and has two conference-style reverse-facing seats that fold up when not in use and can be easily removed. It also comes with a fold-out table and a rear bench seat that converts into a double bed.

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'In addition to a very loyal

group of Volkswagen diesel owners who have been pleading for new VW diesels, there are more than 2.5 million people in this country who own other brands of diesel automobiles and appreciate the simplicity, low cost of operation and the long cruising range of diesel-powered cars," said Young.

The 1989 Volkswagen Jetta four-door diesel sedan is only one of two diesel-powered automobiles for sale in the U.S. The other, also from West Germany, is the Mercedes 190 Diesel.

While reluctant to predict sales volumes for Volkswagen diesels, Young did say that he foresees sales growing over the next few years.

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